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**RESPONSE
TO OFFICE ACTION**

Address to:
Commissioner for Patents
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Application Number	10/005,577
Confirmation Number	8145
Attorney Docket Number	10980852-1
Filing Date	December 3, 2001
First Named Inventor	Steven Lefkowitz
Examiner	Betty Forman
Group Art	1634
Title	<i>Surface with tethered polymeric species for binding biomolecules</i>

Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action dated December 5, 2003, for which a three-month period for response was given making this response due on or before March 5, 2004. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

In view of the remarks set forth below, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.